147 Main Street, East Berlin

1878

Edwin Paddock (1835-1880) & Helen Griffin (1838-1914).

Victorian

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 086

1878 Edwin Paddock Current owner: Arthur & Irene Durity Victorian

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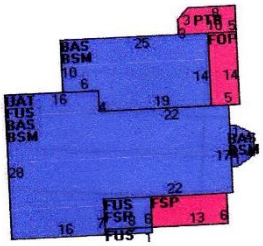
1878 current owner: Phyllis Winters & Andrew Degling

Sketch



Genealogy

Edwin Paddock (1835-1880) son of Daniel Paddock & Sarah Bevins. Edwiin bought land in 1875 from Levi North. In 1870 he married Helen Griffin (1838-1914). They had 4 children: Sarah, Florence, Howard, and Clarence. He died at age 44 and is buried in Wilcox Cemetery. She died at age 76 and is buried in Wilcox Cemetery.

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic): Edwin B. Paddock House
2. TOWN/CITY: Berlin — VILLAGE: East Berlin — COUNTY: Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 147 Main Street — 17-4/151A/35
4. OWNER(S): Durity, Arthur C. & Irene C. " " East Berlin 06023 ☐ Public ☒ Private
5. USE (Present): Residence — (Historic): Residence
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No — INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No — IF YES, EXPLAIN:

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Vernacular/ Gothic Revival influence — DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1878
8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   ☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
   ☐ Wood Shingle ☒ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
   ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
   ☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Type: Brownstone foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
   ☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
   ☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
   ☐ Other (Specify)
10. ROOF (Type)
   ☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
   ☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)
   (Material) ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify)
   see #17 ☐ Gable end to the street ☐ Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 — APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 38' x 29'
12. CONDITION (Structural): ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated — (Exterior): ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location): ☒ On original site ☐ Moved — WHEN? — (Alterations): ☒ Yes ☐ No — IF YES, EXPLAIN: Siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
   ☒ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
   ☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
   ☐ Open land ☐ Woodland ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
   ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

In a large concentration of Victorian houses along this section of Main Street.

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

The Edwin B. Paddock House has its ridge parallel to the street with a projecting left front-facing gable. At the intersection of the gable and the main portion of the house is a one-story screened-in porch; its railing is an elongated "X" pattern. Windows are fitted with modern 1-over-1 sash; a pointed arched attic window on the front gable has a projecting plain board hood. Front and side gables feature elaborate chamfered bracing with pendants at rake ends; the bracing forms a pointed-arched pattern.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Architecturally, the Edwin B. Paddock House is significant as a good example of Victorian Vernacular architecture with strong Gothic Revival influences. Victorian Vernacular features in the Paddock House include the pointed-arched attic windows, the decorative porch railing, and the gable bracing. The Gothic Revival influence is shown in the steeply pitched gables, the extensive use of pointed-arched forms, the gable bracing, and the turned pendants. Like other Victorian decorative woodwork, the "Carpenter Gothic" detailing of this house was made available and affordable by 19th-century advances in wood-forming technology.

Edwin B. Paddock bought the land on which this house stands in 1875 from Levi North, who originally owned much of this section (continued)

SOURCES

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20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

Edwin B. Paddock House

19. (continued):

of East Berlin. It is historically significant as one of many fine Victorian houses built during the boom years (from about 1875 to 1895) of East Berlin's Berlin Iron Company.